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Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of St. 1979 c. 393 §2 and in accordance with M.G.L,. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on July 13 from 2:00PM - 4:00 on the 21st floor, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108.

651 CMR §5.00, The Elder Abuse Reporting and Protective Services Program

EOEA is mandated under M.G. L. c. 19A § 16 to develop a coordinated system of protective services for elderly persons, establish a mechanism for the receipt of reports, and the designation, re-designation, and termination of protective services agencies within the Commonwealth. 651 CMR 5.00 was last updated in 2004. These regulations affect 20 Protective Services Agencies, operated through not for profit Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) The recommended changes are intended to provide more effectiveness in regulation of the mandated services and more efficient operations throughout the Protective Services system.

Written testimony and public comment from interested parties may also be submitted. All written submissions must include the sender's full name and address and may be mailed to:

Executive Office of Elder Affairs 1 Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108 Attention: Siobhan Coyle

Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to Siobhan.coyle@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached MSWord document or .pdf file with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Attention: Siobhan Coyle, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston MA 02108. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on July 15th. A copy of the regulation is attached.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Please send an e-mail to siobhan.coyle@massmail.state.ma.us or call 617-222-7562.